



## Safe Harbor Commission Q2 Meeting April 2, 2024

### I. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.
- b. Roll Call
  - i. **Members Present:** Dianne Scoggins (Presiding), April Hale, Judith Fouts, Jay Neal, Grant Thomas, Irene Munn
  - ii. **Members Absent:** Candice Broce, Theresa Schiefer
  - iii. **Others Present:** Erica Atzenhoffer, Melissa Barwick, Ross Bergethon, Kristy Carter, Ramirez Evans, Emily Hatchett, LaMarva Ivory, Emma McCullough, Sunny Patel, Cynthia Taylor
- c. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Motion by April Hale
  - ii. Second by Judith Fouts
- d. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2024 Meeting
  - i. Motion by April Hale
  - ii. Second by Judith Fouts
- e. General Updates and Announcements
  - i. None.

### II. Standard Order of Business

- a. Attorney General Update
  - i. Supreme Court has docketed the case, which starts the deadlines for parties to file their briefs.
  - ii. Case is set for oral argument in June, meaning there will likely be a decision sometime in 2024.
- b. Financial Report
  - i. State Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Report from the Legislative Conference Committee
    1. Base Budget
      - a. State General Funds: \$3,375,000
      - b. Safe Harbor Funds: \$200,199
    2. Increase funds for full cost of the Gwinnett CSERC funded by HB 19 (2023 Session): \$4,746,840
    3. Increase funds to reflect FY 2023 collections: \$54,120
    4. Increase funds for a psychiatric nurse to support youth survivors of exploitation and trafficking: \$100,000
    5. Totals from SFY 2025 Budget
      - a. State General Funds: \$8,422,039
      - b. Safe Harbor Funds: \$254,319



6. Funds Available for Commission Allocation
  - a. 2025 Safe Harbor Funds: \$254,319
  - b. Interest Recognized and Carried Over: \$26,335
  - c. Total Funds for Allocation: \$280,654
- c. CJCC Presentation
  - i. Eligible Funds to Release in Competitive RFA: \$280,654
  - ii. Purpose Areas and Priorities:
    1. Residential Treatment Facility and Safe Home Support
    2. Prevention and Awareness
    3. Innovative Community-Based Services and Underserved Populations
  - iii. Process for Administering and Disbursing Funds
    1. Commission Reviews and Approves Requests for Applications
    2. Release RFA and Convene Review Committee
      - a. Release approved RFA: April 5, 2024
      - b. Establish Review Panel: May 2024
      - c. Convene Review Panel to Review Scoring Rubric and Timeline for Proposed Recommendations for Commission: May 2024
      - d. Applications due: May 15, 2024
      - e. Review Applications: May 2024
      - f. Approval Process – Safe Harbor Commission: June 2024
      - g. Applicants Notified and Award Packets Sent: June 2024
  - iv. **New Business:** Approval of CJCC Request for Applications for State Fiscal Year 2025
    1. Motion to approve RFA by April Hale
    2. Second by Grant Thomas
    3. All in favor. Motion carries.
- d. Legislative Update
  - i. SB 377: Joint effort of DHS and DCH, which adds Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) as a type of Child-Caring Institution (CCI).
  - ii. HB 1201: Provides for the vacating of sentences for victims of trafficking; adds 'Commercial sexual exploitation recovery center' as a type of Child-Caring Institution (CCI).
  - iii. SB 342: Adds the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) among the agencies specifically authorized to receive confidential child welfare information directly from DFCS.



- iv. HB 970: Adds children who are victims of trafficking as eligible for the REACH scholarship and changes funding mechanisms for the scholarship.
- v. SB 370: First Lady's Bill; Requires massage therapists, body art studios and convenience stores to post human trafficking hotline information.

**III. Closing Comments**

**IV. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.